Commonly Used Copy Editing Symbols & Meanings

Symbol	What it means
C	Capitalization error
U	Usage error (grammar)
P	Punctuation error
S	Spelling error
∧	Insert (add) a letter or a word here
RO	Run-on sentence
CS	Comma splice
Frag.	Sentence fragment
WC	Word choice – choose a better word here
¶	New paragraph
⌒	Close the space between these words/letters
Awk	Awkward wording creating a hard to understand sentence
MW	Missing word
STR	Awkward/unclear sentence structure
AGR	Subject-verb agreement error
DS	Double-space this piece
SS	Single-space this piece
TS	Paragraph(s) lack a topic sentence that supports thesis statement
#	Add a space
Thesis	This paper does not have a thesis statement, or the thesis is extremely weak and is not a valid argument

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